

## **Amendments to the Claims**

Applicant amends claims 1 and 10, cancels claim 11 and adds new claim 12. Applicant's amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims provided below.

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 (currently amended)      A peritoneal dialysis security band comprising:
- a)      an endless elastic band, wherein said elastic band is continuous; and
  - b)      a catheter retaining pocket positioned along a portion of said elastic band, wherein said pocket is able to accept a catheter.
- 2 (previously presented)      The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1, wherein said elastic band comprises an inner surface and an outer surface, further wherein said catheter retaining pocket is positioned along a portion of said inner surface.
- 3 (original)      The peritoneal dialysis security band of claim 1, wherein said elastic band is constructed at least in part from an elastic material selected from the group consisting of spandex, lycra, and elastic rubber.
- 4 (original)      The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1, wherein said elastic band is constructed in part from an inelastic material.
- 5 (original)      The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 4, wherein said inelastic material is selected from the group consisting of cotton, nylon, polyester and inelastic rubber.
- 6 (original)      The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1, wherein said elastic band is foldable material.

7 (original) The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1, wherein said elastic band is constructed from a machine washable material.

8 (original) The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1, wherein said elastic band has a width from about 3 inches to about 6 inches.

9 (original) The peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1, wherein said catheter retaining pocket is constructed at least in part from an elastic material or an inelastic material.

10 (currently amended) A method of retaining an external portion of an implanted dialysis catheter comprising:

- a) ~~placing the peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1 about the waist of an individual;~~
- a) providing the peritoneal dialysis security band according to claim 1;
- b) stretching said elastic band;
- c) placing a portion of an individual's body through said elastic band;
- d) sliding said security band along said individual's body ending at about the waist or hips of said individual; and
- e) inserting the external portion of a peritoneal dialysis catheter in said catheter retaining pocket.

11 (cancelled)

12 (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein step c) is performed prior to step b).